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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
6/22/10

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Ernie Sund, Tom Alonzo, Dave Matthews and Town Manager Kerry Speidel present. Meeting opened at 7:27 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Michael Barney Jr., is requesting the use of the Gazebo for a benefit concert, antique car show and raffles on Saturday August 7th to raise funds for the NEADS Name a Puppy Program. Paula's concerns are the parking and placement of the antique cars, would like to have details of how the raffles will be handled. Would recommend that Mike also speak with the Police Chief as their concerns are the limited area should there be three bands present.

Ernie's concern is the raindate of Sunday and questioned who will be conducting clean up.

Paula also questioned the set up and clean up and what time have you allocated to this.

Mike stated that he could easily move the time back to 9:00 and that his band is willing to help out. Mike Barney Sr. informed the board that there is going to be adult support behind this, the model is similar to the way the band concerts have been and because of the venue that location was key to drawing the crowd in. Board recommends that Mike speak with the Police Chief and to fine tune their concerns, then bring request back to them.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. **Pavement Management Plan** – addressed with DPW Director, Jack Rodriquez during their workshop.

2. **Appointment of Town Counsel** - tabled pending receipt of information. Paula noted that she did receive correspondence from Rob Bowen and that he suggested retaining a local attorney under retainer. Also appointing deputy counsel to oversee local counsel. Questioned if we want to look at an RFP for Town Counsel and disappointed that we haven't received the information from Kopelman & Paige. Also, noted that responsiveness has been an issue. Steve questioned if responsiveness has been an issue, then why haven't we contacted counsel on this. Kerry did not follow up with a phone call, and doesn't know whether they misunderstood when the board's next meeting would be. Tom noted that his intent to go out for an RFP was because he feels that it's good to go out and see what's out there. Kerry noted that she has to stay on top of the issues with Kopelman & Paige and that she hasn't experienced this with other firms, she's not happy with how they have been managing our services. Kerry's reservation is that they weren't told specifically that we need that information for this meeting. Paula noted that they are aware of the appointment process and not happy with appointing them for a year knowing the lack of response that we get from them. Steve noted that the costs that would be incurred in getting another attorney up to speed and that he didn't hear last week when counsel was here, that Kerry hasn't been receiving the response expected in a timely matter. Dave is not thrilled that the response issue hasn't been discussed and noted his concern with the pending litigations, would appoint them for one more year and noted that we have to further discuss. Ernie moved to appoint Kopelman & Paige, Steve seconded, voted 4 to 1 to appoint, Tom opposed. Noted to check with counsel on the status of the breakdown of general counsel services the \$36,000 and what specifically this would cover.

3. **Board Liaison Appointments** – reviewed attached list. Paula would like to remain as the liaison to the Planning Board. Steve; Sewer Commission Liaison. Tom; District Advisory Committee (Rep. Benson's Committee), Budget Working Group and Finance Committee. Dave; School Committee and Budget Working Group, noted also Local School District Advisory Committee. Ernie; Capital Planning and Public Access Cable Committees. Paula will also do the DPW Building Committee.

4. **Pay-As-You-Throw Program** - Tabled

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **M.G.L. Chapter 39, §23B(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigation position; and to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel.**

Meetings in July: July 6, 2010 – Business Meeting, July 13, 2010 - Work Session, July 20, 2010 - Business Meeting
Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen